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**RE: Buono v. City of Newark, et al.**  
**Civil Action No.: 06-cv-3414**

Dear Judge Shwartz:

This office represents the defendants City of Newark and City of Newark Police Department (collectively, the "City") in the referenced action. As Your Honor is aware, the parties are currently scheduled to appear before Your Honor on March 10, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. for a Pretrial Conference. The parties have conferred in anticipation of the Pretrial Conference as required by your Honor's Order dated February 13, 2008 and respectfully request the opportunity to engage in settlement discussions on March 10, 2008. Thank you for Your Honor's attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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